

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A rigid insulation product for use in wood frame construction, comprising a single unitary insulating member formed of a single rigid cellular insulating material having substantially uniform rigidity, dimensioned to be mounted lengthwise on a joist header and including a plurality of slots extending width-wise into the single rigid insulating material across one side of the member, each slot being dimensioned to receive an end of a floor joist, the member including a wall, at the base of each slot, having a thickness of at least about 0.375 inch and less than about 1.0 inch, and the member having a thickness, in regions between the slots, of from about 1.0 to about 3.0 inches.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) The rigid insulation product of claim 1 wherein the member includes a wall, at the base of each slot, of sufficient thickness to provide a thermal break between a floor joist end and a joist header when the product is in use.

4. (Previously Presented) The rigid insulation product of claim 1 wherein the width of the insulating member is substantially equal to the width of a joist header on which the insulating member will be mounted.

5. (Original) The rigid insulation product of claim 1 wherein the slots extend across the entire width of the insulating member.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Previously Presented) The rigid insulation product of claim 1 wherein the insulating member comprises an insulating material selected from the group consisting of cellular polystyrene, polyurethane and isocyanurate, other cellular plastics, and cellulose.

8. (Original) The rigid insulation product of claim 1 wherein at least some of the slots are dimensioned to receive an end of a wood I-beam.

9. (Original) The rigid insulation product of claim 2 wherein the slots are spaced at intervals of about 16 inches.

10-12. (Cancelled).

13. (Previously Presented) A rigid insulation product for use in wood frame construction, comprising:

a single unitary thermal insulating member comprising a rigid cellular insulating material having substantially uniform rigidity, including a plurality of slots extending width-wise across the member on a first side of the member, each slot being exposed to receive an end of a floor joist; and

a wood member, configured so that the wood member will function as a joist header in a wood frame construction, bonded to the insulating member on a second side of the member opposite the first side.

14. (Previously Presented) The rigid insulation product of claim 13 wherein the slots are disposed at spaced intervals, the spacing of the slots corresponding to predetermined spacing of floor joists in a wood frame construction.

15. (Previously Presented) The rigid insulation product of claim 13 wherein the insulating member includes a wall, at the base of each slot, of sufficient thickness to provide a thermal break between a floor joist end and a joist header when the product is in use.

16. (Original) The rigid insulation product of claim 13 wherein the width of the insulating member is substantially equal to the width of the wood member.

17. (Original) The rigid insulation product of claim 13 wherein the slots extend across the entire width of the insulating member.

18. (Previously Presented) The rigid insulation product of claim 13 wherein the insulating member comprises an insulating material selected from the group consisting of cellular polystyrene, polyurethane and isocyanurate, other cellular plastics, and cellulose.

19. (Original) The rigid insulation product of claim 13 wherein at least some of the slots are dimensioned to receive an end of a wood I-beam.

20. (Original) The rigid insulation product of claim 14 wherein the slots are spaced at intervals of about 16 inches.

21-23. (Cancelled).